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Applicant: GERD BRANDHORST ET AL.

Serial No.: 09/368,505

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Title: DEVICE FOR EMPTYING A FILM TUBE

TC 3700 MAIL ROOM

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This supplements the Information Disclosure Statement submitted in the above-identified application on May 19, 2000. Copies of Documents AW and AX as cited on the PTO-1449 (copy attached) filed with the May 19, 2000 Information Disclosure Statement, are enclosed herein.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant submits the following explanations:

Document AW of February 11, 1988 discloses a container with a snap connection cover.

Document AX of December 18, 1975 discloses a paste dispenser, especially for toothpaste.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed no later than three months from the application's filing date or before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits (whichever is later), and therefore no certification under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) is required.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

If necessary, the paper should be considered as a petition for consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d)(2) and that the petition fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d)(3) should be charged to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #1860/48111RE).

Respectfully submitted,

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